

Mayflower, an Economic Boost for Wasatch County

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third and final article in a series dealing with the proposed Mayflower Project, and a hearing scheduled for April 11, on its approval.

HEBER CITY—Development of the Mayflower Mountain Project would mean the permanent placement of people into the Heber Valley area, as well as the placement of people at the resort.

Mayflower will increase the area's population level by approximately 7,280 at total building capacity. An estimated 670 employees will be needed to support the mountain ski facility.

With this large of increase in the number of jobs, and permanent residents, the economic factors for Wasatch County had Heber City imparitcular, will be tremendous.

David Turner, of Job Service, reported that the Feb. unemployment rate was 12.9 percent, which was 5 points lower than a year ago in February. This percentage still gives Wasatch County a lead in the unemployment, ranking in the

top 5 of the state.

"Sure it would help," Turner said of the impact the Mayflower Project will have on the unemployment situation. "Any major project is going to help the area."

"The healthier the economy, the healthier the job situation," continued Turner. "The Mayflower project is going to affect the overall economy of the county."

With the influx of jobs, there will be more money spent in the valley for commodities, real estate, and entertainment, which all adds up to more sales tax revenues.

"The reapportionment of sales tax has helped the situation," said Mayor Jan Furner of Heber City. "The added sales tax revenues could affect us (the city)."

Mayor Furner expressed concern over the sales trends, and the fact that if the project goes through as planned, it would mean greater sales for the Heber City merchants, who would need to make sure they start the trend for the residents of the Mayflower

area to shop in the Heber area."

"With planning and foresite, we can do it," continues Mayor Furner of the project. Furner expressed concern on the impact the new development would have on the police force, fire department and other public services.

Stan DeFriez, Director of the Heber Valley Promotion Bureau, said that the development would be the best thing which could happen to the county.

"That should get us known as ski destination. Right now we're known as a summer area," DeFriez said.

The promotion bureau is sponsored by the transient tax collected by the county.

The tax benefits, the economic boost, and the number of new jobs will give Wasatch County the needed boost for a stable economic recovery.

The hearing for the Mayflower will be held on April 11-13, in the Wasatch County Commissioners Chambers, beginning at 7 p.m. on April 11.



Robin Broadhead (center) is surrounded by her royalty. They are: (l to r) Rachelle Green; Shauna Lyn Huf-

faker; Annette Smith, Miss Congeniality; Miss Broadhead; Nancee Kohler; and Annette Probst.

Inductions Continue for S

Wasatch High School, March 30 (LRJ) Once more the high school honored citizens, faculty, and students as it initiated eight more

nominees into the #1 Club.

In an assembly Friday, those gathered saw photos and heard accolades that proved the worth-

iness of eight very active and generous individuals to be counted as first-rate members in the club. The high school is recognizing, through a special committee, people who do school and community service that is not formally and systematically noticed.

Those recognized this time were Cheryl Hardy, Lance Gardner, David Giles, Kirtly A. Nordfelt, Bill Wright, Jolene Tadd, Betty Jo Smedley, and Tonya Peacock. They will also be recognized along

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